



# Automotive Sector Brownfields Assessment Initiative

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## Introduction

The Indiana Brownfields Program has established an Automotive Sector Brownfields Assessment Initiative (Auto Sector Initiative) to help Indiana communities address the growing problem of idled, abandoned, and closed facilities related to the automotive manufacturing sector within their jurisdictions. To facilitate redevelopment of such properties, which are often hindered by actual or potential environmental contamination, the Indiana Brownfields Program will contract with environmental consulting firms to provide assessment and other activities at eligible automotive brownfield sites.

## Who can request assistance through the Auto Sector Initiative?

Indiana political subdivisions can request assessments and other activities.

## What types of sites are eligible for funding?

Permanently idled or closed auto dealerships and parts/supplier, assembly & manufacturing plants that have actual or potential contamination that is impeding site reuse are potentially eligible. Auto Sector Initiative guidelines will be available around December 1, 2009 and will outline additional eligibility criteria; for example, privately-owned sites may be eligible under certain circumstances.

## What types of activities are eligible for funding?

Funding is available for Phase I & Phase II environmental site assessments (for both hazardous materials and petroleum contamination), asbestos-containing material & lead-based paint surveys, remediation work plan development, limited demolition, and controlling site access/site security.

## How much funding is currently available?

A total of approximately \$250,000 is currently available for the Auto Sector Initiative. A maximum award of services per applicant/site is yet to be determined. Note: this is not a grant program; activities outlined above will be performed by environmental consultants on contract with the Indiana Brownfields Program.

## How can I request this assistance?

Applications for assessment and other activities will be accepted anytime and awarded on a first come, first-served basis. Visit the Indiana Brownfields Program Web site at [www.brownfields.IN.gov](http://www.brownfields.IN.gov) to view or download the application and guidelines for the Auto Sector Initiative (available around January 1, 2010).

### At a Glance:

The purpose of the Indiana Brownfields Program **Automotive Sector Brownfields Assessment Initiative** is to provide environmental assistance to political subdivisions to facilitate the redevelopment of permanently idled or closed auto dealerships and parts/supplier, assembly & manufacturing plants that are brownfield sites.

### What is a Brownfield?

A brownfield is an underutilized property where redevelopment or reuse is complicated due to actual or potential environmental contamination.

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